
HOUSE BILL 1674

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By Representatives Dunn, Alexander, Clements, Skinner, Thompson and Sullivan

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state reformatory; adding a new
2 section to chapter 72.09 RCW; creating a new section; providing an
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that continued growth
6 in the state prison inmate population requires that all available
7 capacity within the prison system be maximized. Further, the
8 legislature finds that unutilized capacity exists at the Washington
9 state reformatory in Monroe. It is the purpose of this act to expedite
10 the utilization of all existing housing capacity at the reformatory.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 The department shall assign and house two inmates to each housing
14 cell containing two beds at the Washington state reformatory. The
15 department shall include all beds in each housing cell in existence on
16 January 1, 1997, when calculating the operating capacity of the
17 reformatory. For the purposes of this section, "housing cell" includes
18 all cells containing bunks except infirmary cells, short-term

1 disciplinary and segregation cells, and cells used for the temporary
2 housing of inmates in transition between institutions.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
6 July 1, 1997.

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